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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000396 - Dominguer Drain and Pump Station, City of Carson (2), to Colich Construction L. P., in amount of \$5,458,770.00.

Project ID No. FMD0001028 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2003, West Maintenance Area, at various locations within the west area of the County (3 and 5), to International Environmental Corporation, in amount of \$449,703.30.

Project ID No. FMD0002033 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2003, East Maintenance Area, in the San Gabriel Valley (1 and 5), to Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., in amount of \$325,650.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003048 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2003, South Maintenance Area, at various locations within the south area of the County (1, 2, and 4), to Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape, in amount of \$199,800.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014283 - Avenue M-8, vicinity of Wilsona Gardens (5), to Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., in amount of \$243,671.75.

Project ID No. SMDACO0090 - 101st Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinity of Athens (2), to PPR, in amount of \$202,697.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000396, FMD0001028, and FMD0002033.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2003-04 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On September 4, 2001, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. FCC0000396.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000396, DOMINGER DRAIN AND PUMP STATION  
(City of Carson), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a reinforced pipe storm drain system, a pump station, and outlet works to an existing flood control channel.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 8, 2003 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 20, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Colich Construction L.P., a California Limited Partnership composed of T.P.C. Management Consultants, Inc., a California Corp., general partner, and Great Western Construction Management Services, a Nevada Corp., limited partner 1590 Francisco Street Torrance, California 90501 (310) 320-1400	\$5,458,770.00
2	Kiewit Pacific Company	\$5,732,000.00
3	W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.	\$6,305,984.88

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$4,925,094.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$5,458,770.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 533,675.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 11 percent above the engineer's estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Colich Construction L.P., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On September 4, 2001, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 280 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September 2003 and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001028, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2003, WEST MAINTENANCE AREA (at various locations within the west area of the County),  
Supervisory Districts 3 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Clearing and removal of vegetation and debris from channel rights of way and channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 15, 2003 (Synopsis 49)

BID OPENING DATE: May 20, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*International Environmental Corporation P.O. Box 4218 Panorama City, California 91412 (818) 892-9341	\$449,703.30
2	TruGreen LandCare	\$494,871.80
3	*United Storm Water, Inc.	\$520,000.00
4	Woods Maintenance Services, Inc.	\$547,150.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$550,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$449,703.30
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$100,296.70

The amount of the recommended contract is 18 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

International Environmental Corporation, an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in November.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002033, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2003, EAST MAINTENANCE AREA (in the San Gabriel Valley), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Clearing and removal of vegetation and debris from channel rights of way and channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 29, 2003 (Synopsis 85)

BID OPENING DATE: June 3, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., a corporation 15529 Arrow Highway Irwindale, California 91706-2001 (626) 960-0196	\$325,650.00
2	TruGreen LandCare	\$394,449.96
3	Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape	\$417,000.00
4	Woods Maintenance Services, Inc.	\$430,350.00
5	*United Storm Water, Inc.	\$456,762.00
6	CleanStreet	\$484,960.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$450,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$325,650.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$124,350.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 27 percent below the engineer's estimate, which is based on previous contract prices for similar items of work. The low bidder has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts and has committed in writing to do the work of this contract for the amount bid. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in October 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003048, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2003,  
SOUTH MAINTENANCE AREA (at various locations within the south area of the  
County), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Clearing and removal of vegetation and debris from channel rights of  
way and channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 29, 2003 (Synopsis 80)

BID OPENING DATE: May 27, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	FYR Landscaping, Inc., a corporation dba Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape 16015 Sherman Way Van Nuys, California 91406 (818) 373-0023	\$199,800.00
2	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$236,210.00
3	TruGreen LandCare	\$246,840.00
4	United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$252,908.00
5	*United Storm Water, Inc.	\$282,197.00
6	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$293,000.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$225,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$199,800.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 25,200.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 11 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal  
Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 65 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in November 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014283, AVENUE M-8 (in the vicinity of Wilsona Gardens),  
Supervisory District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of roadway pavement, curb, gutter, driveways, and  
sidewalk; installation of street lights.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 13, 2003 (Synopsis 84)

BID OPENING DATE: June 10, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 1187 Lancaster, California 93584 (661) 533-2121	\$243,671.75
2	Granite Construction Company	\$246,781.00
3	ANM Construction and Engineering	\$252,737.00
4	Elite Bobcat Service, Inc.	\$311,416.55
5	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$359,996.60

\* MWBE  
+ SBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$371,351.75
Amount of recommended contract	\$243,671.75
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$127,680.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 34 percent below the engineer's estimate. All five bids are below the estimate and reflect the competitive nature of the market. The low bidder has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Asphalt Construction Company has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(8) and (x)(27), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0090, 101ST STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS  
(in the vicinity of Athens), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing 8" sanitary sewers.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 29, 2003 (Synopsis 81)

BID OPENING DATE: May 27, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Re-Pipe - California, Inc., a corporation dba PPR 2615 South Rousselle Street Santa Ana, California 92707 (714) 428-4515	\$202,697.00
2	Wesco Infrastructure Technologies, L.P	\$329,000.00
3	Miller Pipeline Corporation	\$337,693.00
4	Sancon Engineering, Inc.	\$368,753.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$326,879.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$202,697.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$124,182.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 38 percent below the engineer's estimate, which is based on previous contract prices for similar items of work. Repipe has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts and has committed in writing to perform the work of this contract for the amount bid. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.



MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

PPR has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(14); and Class 2, Subsection (b), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in November 2003.

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